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PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of:

Ronald T. Bell

Serial No.: 10/612,220

Filed: July 2, 2003

Title: COMBINATION SPRING
TENSION ROD AND MOUNTING
BRACKETS FOR WINDOW
COVERINGS

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 16, 2006 FINAL
REJECTION**

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the action dated June 16, 2006, applicants hereby request reconsideration of the Final Rejection of claim 25 based on the Remarks/Arguments that follow.

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